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JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

Father George Nowak, CR - Pastor

Father Paul Szymanowski, CR - Associate Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Registration - We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Mary's to become a registered parishioner. Forms are located at all doors of the church, the parish office and website. Please inform the office of any changes of address or telephone number.

Baptism and Marriage - Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically - unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Mary's, the Sacraments are available to **registered, regularly attending parishioners only**. Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office at least 1 month prior to your preferred date. For details regarding marriage, contact the parish office at least one year before the preferred date.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to Religious Life as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? Learn about the life and ministry of the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection by visiting www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or crvocations@gmail.com. All enquires are confidential.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am 9:15 am (German/English) 11:00 am
(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Please Refer to the Schedule Inside Bulletin

Confession

Saturday : 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Weekdays: Before Daily Mass

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and each First Saturday of the month, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon.

Quiet Time for Prayer and Reflection - The Church is open weekdays between 12 noon and 1:00 pm or by appointment for those who wish to pray.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Confession, Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, be sure to indicate your religion and parish on the patient registration form.

Let Us Pray For One Another - If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, the members of our Parish Prayer Network will gladly pray for you. Contact the parish office to add your intention to the Prayer List.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Monday's by 4:00 pm.

*In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church
in your estate plan and
when recommending expressions of sympathy*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week **December 14 - 20, 2015**

Monday - St. John of the Cross

Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a Matthew 21.23-27

12:10 pm †Anne Schmalz

Tuesday - ferial

Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21.28-32

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am ††John and Bonnie Malleck

Wednesday - ferial

Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Luke 7.19-23

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

Thursday - ferial

Genesis 49.2, 8-10 Matthew 1.1-17

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**12:10 pm For the Beatification of the Founders of the
Congregation of the Resurrection, †Elena
Marsico**

Friday - ferial

Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For Persecuted Christians

Saturday - ferial, Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm

4:00 pm Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45

Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection

**5:00 pm †Joseph Roussy, †Jo Boudreau, †Hilda Sausik,
†Josephine Cowan**

Sunday

8:00 am †Patricia Dennis

**9:15 am †Annette Schneider, †Frank Morscher, †Anna
Klein, †John Petsch, ††Laszlo and Maria
Vadaslaki**

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Coming Up at St. Mary's

Dec. 14:	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
Dec. 15:	7:00 pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 16:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Dec. 17:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 19/20:	All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Dec. 22:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 23:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Church)
Dec. 29:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 2:	8:30 am	First Saturday Adoration
Jan. 2/3:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Fund Collection
Jan. 5:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 7:	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group
Jan. 10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Jan. 12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies Group

NEW VOTIVE RACK

As you may have already noticed, we now have a votive candle rack in front of the Crucifixion Altar by the elevator. Each candle burns for approximately 2 hours. The cost is \$2 per candle. Stop and light a candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

NEW WEBSITE!!!

We are very excited to announce that our website, stmarysrcchurch.ca, has been beautifully redesigned and updated! A huge thank you to Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR, for taking on this monumental project. There are lots of new features, including a Mass Intention calendar. Please check out the site and let us know what you think.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



This Monday, December 14th, beginning at 7 pm. We strongly encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate Christmas with joy and renewed hearts.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Let us pray for one another... A reminder to all parishioners that we will joyfully pray for your intentions. Please call the parish office with your requests. Thank you to all the members of our team! Your dedication to the ministry of prayer is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

- 5:00 pm Family Mass
- 7:40 pm Christmas Carols
- 8:00 pm Mass in German/English
- 12:00 am Midnight Mass



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

- 11:00 am Mass in English

Feast of St. Stephen

Saturday, December 26th

- 8:00 am Mass in English

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st

- 5:00 pm Mass in English

Friday, January 1st

- 11:00 am Mass in English

2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2015 calendar year, must reach the parish office by Wednesday, December 30th at 12 noon to be included on a 2015 income tax receipt. This will enable us to process them before closing on the 31st. Donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2016. Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFERTORY: DECEMBER 5-6, 2015

Sunday Envelopes (211)	\$5,332.25
Loose Donations	\$ 414.45
Building & Maintenance Fund (105)	\$2,295.45
Debt Fund	\$ 832.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 20.00
Christmas Donation.....	\$ 75.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Events in Our Area

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

Sunday, December 13th at 7 pm. As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the Celebration of the Word. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, KITCHENER

COPING WITH "A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS"

Monday, December 14th, from 1 - 2:30 pm. Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you. Join us and we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials. For more information please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, WATERDOWN

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Saturday, December 19th at 10 am. It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, KITCHENER

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 21st at 7 pm. At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. AGATHA

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Now until December 23rd, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade jams, jellies, honey, loaves, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Thursday, December 24th beginning at 11:30 pm. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols. Both the Carols, and the Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8 am on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

REFLECTIONS ON SUNDAY READINGS



Every Monday a reflection on the scripture readings for the following Sunday is posted on resurrectionist.ca. We encourage you to read them as an introduction and preparation for participating in the weekly parish Mass.

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